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SUBJECT: MENZEL-BOURGUIBA: BRITISH EXCHANGE WITH TUNISIAN
GOVERNMENT

REF: USNATO 03551

1. IMPRESSION OF FRENCH REP REPORTED REFTTEL FURTHER
REINFORCED BY REPORT WE HAVE FROM BRITISH EMBASSY HERE.
IN BRIEFING US ON VISIT TO TUNISIA OF BRITISH MINISTER
OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JUDD, THEY MENTIONED THAT
JUDD RAISED MENZEL-BOURGUIBA BOTH WITH ACTING FONMIN
TURKI AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE FARHAT. REACTION OF TWO
MINISTERS WAS SIMILAR AND MUCH IN LINE WITH PREVIOUS
TUNISIAN RESPONSES TO REPRESENTATIONS BY U.S. AND OTHER
NATO MEMBERS; BUSINESS NEEDED FOR DEPRESSED INDUSTRY;
NO AGREEMENT EXISTS; SOVIET USE OF MENZEL-BOURGUIBA
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BEING STRICTLY LIMITED, ETC. ACCORDING BRITISH EMBASSY,
TUNISIANS SEEMED ANXIOUS REASSURE JUDD OF THEIR SENSITIVITY
TO NATO CONCERNS. IN PARTICULAR TUNISIAN DEFENSE MINISTER
STATED THAT STEPS BEING TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT SOVIET
USE OF DOCKYARD KEPT AT A LOW LEVEL.

2. COMMENT: IN THIS REGARD THERE HAS STILL BEEN, TO

OUR KNOWLEDGE, ONLY ONE SOVIET SHIP IN MENZEL-BOURGUIBA
IN 1978.
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